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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF AMSPEC ELLIOTT CARTER FOR
ANNUAL MUSIC WEEK FESTIVAL IN BUCHAREST

REFS: STATE 228690, BUCHAREST 4906, BELGRADE 5205

1. ELLIOTT CARTER INFORMED DEPT OCTOBER THREE THAT WITH GREAT REGRET HE WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE THIS YEAR. CARTER'S SON WAS INVOLVED IN SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT IN JULY, AND WHILE SOME RECOVERY WAS EXPECTED, THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED. THUS, HE AND WIFE MAKE WEEKLY TRIPS TO CHICAGO TO BE WITH SON WHO PARALYZED FROM WAIST DOWN. ON TOP OF THIS, HE IS BEHIND IN TWO COMMISSIONS, AND SIMPLY MUST DEVOTE HIMSELF FULL-TIME TO THESE COMPOSITIONS.

2. CARTER IS AWARE OF HAVOC THIS WILL CREATE IN PLANS AT
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BUCHAREST, BELGRADE AND BUDAPEST, AND IS DEEPLY SORRY. HE

EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ALL WORK THAT HAD GONE INTO
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE POSTS, AND HOPES HOST COUNTRY
OFFICIALS AND COLLEAGUES WILL UNDERSTAND HIS PREDICAMENT.

3. DEPT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH CARTER FOR ENTIRE WEEK,
IN THE HOPE OF CHANGING HIS MIND, BUT DECISION IS NOW FINAL.

IN ABSENCE OF CARTER'S APPEARANCE, CU AND USIA/IEU WORKING
ON ALTERNATE PROPOSALS. ANY SUGGESTIONS POSTS MAY HAVE
ARE ENCOURAGED. KISSINGER

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